

Lieutenant Governor John and Patti Garamendi's  
Statement on World Alzheimer's Day

SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi and Patti Garamendi, a member of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America board, today issued the following statement in recognition of World Alzheimer's Day:

"Today is World Alzheimer's Day, a day the world's Alzheimer's associations and families and friends impacted by the disease unite to bring awareness to Alzheimer's and the treatments and services available. This year's theme is 'Diagnosing Dementia: See It Sooner,' and we echo the importance of early diagnosis and treatment. We have close loved ones diagnosed with Alzheimer's, so we know first hand the ways it impacts families and changes lives. Patti sits on the board of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, and we encourage everyone to sign the [Global Alzheimer's Disease Charter](#) and participate in [a Memory Walk near you](#) to help increase accurate awareness of the disease and respect for the human dignity of people with the disease as we work toward better treatment."

According to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) :

- As many as 5.3 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's and dementia triple healthcare costs for Americans age 65 and older.
- Every 70 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's is the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States.